

## **Quick recap**

This was a worship service held on the fifth Sunday in Lent, where Pastor Janet led the congregation in a service that included readings from Psalm 146 and John 19, focusing on themes of trust in God and the story of Jesus before Pilate. During the service, Lori shared about spending time with her granddaughter Lily and finding gratitude in their relationship, while another participant reflected on observing community life at a restaurant. The service included prayers for the world, the church, and all in need, an affirmation of faith, and Holy Communion, with special recognition of upcoming birthdays for Lynn Trumble and Dick Werpy. The service concluded with a reminder about preparing palm branches for the upcoming Palm Sunday service.

## **Summary**

### **Lent Worship Service Reflections**

The meeting was a worship service held on the fifth Sunday in Lent. The service included a call to worship, time of confession, readings from Psalm 146 and John 19:1-16A, and a gospel message. The sermon focused on Pilate's role in the story of Jesus and explored themes of human responsibility, suffering, and the choice to engage with suffering rather than flee from it. The congregation was reminded of the importance of love and service beyond the walls of the church.

### **Congregational Sharing and Worship Session**

The meeting began with a worship segment featuring prayers and songs. Assisting Minister Pastor Phil then introduced a time for congregational sharing, inviting attendees to reflect on experiences where they noticed God's presence in their lives. He instructed in-person attendees to walk up to the mic and online participants to unmute themselves to share their experiences.

### **Gratitude and Family Reflections**

Lori shared her experience of spending time with her granddaughter Lily, and reflected on being grateful for their relationship. Another participant shared personal reflections on gratitude for the young people of our world and observations of community life. The conversation ended with an affirmation of faith and prayers for various topics including the church, the natural world, and specific countries.

### **Church Worship Service Meeting**

The meeting was a church worship service that included prayer, communion, and announcements. The service began with a prayer for various individuals and causes, including those on the prayer chain and the work of the Joshua School. The congregation then participated in Holy Communion, followed by a reflection on the Lenten journey and Jesus' time in the wilderness. After the communion, the birthdays of Lynn and Dick were celebrated. The service concluded with a benediction and the hymn "Blessed Assurance."

## **Shepherd of the Hills Mission Statement**

Marked by the cross of Christ forever, we gather in love, grow in faith, and share God's love and grace. We are empowered to boldly proclaim and witness God's word.

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